GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Helicopter Services
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to operate helicopter services at major tourist spots in the country to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the services in place at present in various tourist spots; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop airports so as to make tourism in the country convenient?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) The non-scheduled operator permit holders having helicopters endorsed on their permit may operate to different destinations in India including at the various tourist spots, without prior approval of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on charter basis or by selling individual tickets; however, will not publish time table, as per Civil Aviation Requirement.

(c) Development of airports is a continuous process depending on traffic demand, land availability, regulatory clearances etc. One of the parameters used in deciding the traffic demand is the tourism potential.